

CHAPTER 184

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**AN ACT RELATING TO 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ACT**

**It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:**

SECTION 1. Section 39-21.1-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-21.1 entitled "911 Emergency Telephone Number Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

**39-21.1-4. Confidentiality. --**

Automatic number identification and automatic location identification information that consists of the name, address, and telephone numbers of telephone subscribers ~~whose listings are not published in directories or listed in directory assistance offices and that is provided to the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)~~ shall be confidential. Dissemination of the information contained in the 911 automatic number and automatic location data base is prohibited except for the following purposes:

- (a) The information will be provided to the Public Safety Answering

Point PSAP on a call-by-call basis only for the purpose of handling emergency calls, or for training and any permanent record of the information shall be secured by the public safety answering points and disposed of in a manner which will retain that security except as otherwise required by applicable law.

(b) All telephone calls and telephone call transmissions received pursuant to this chapter and all tapes containing records of telephone calls shall remain confidential and used only for the purpose of handling emergency calls and for public safety purposes as may be needed for law enforcement, fire, medical, rescue or other emergency services. Such calls shall not be released to any other parties without the written consent of the person whose voice is recorded, or upon order of the court.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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